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WAR.

The base-born child of vanity and greed.
Misshapen and ill-favored from its birth.
A withering blight upon the face of earth.
Along its path the carrion vultures breed.
And smiling Plenty turns to barren dearth.
Its splendid gauds half hide the powder grime.
The while it struts, its nodding plumes keep time.
It stands supreme, mankind's most dreaded foe.
Its bloody deeds, as triumphs, still are sung.
Unmindful of its ravages and woe!
But God is patient and the world is young!
—Emma E. Hunt.

Had Mrs. Chadwick been a poor woman and the amount she stole been but \$57, she would now be in prison for a good stiff term of years, no matter what the circumstances of her case. As it is, she stole \$5,750,000 and every lawyer and court in New York is ready and anxious to declare her either crazy or innocent.

Of what interest to the people of Oregon is the fact that Congressman Williamson succeeded in landing the Dalles postoffice for his faction? There are several issues now before Oregon that Williamson is expected to deal with. He might be investigating the prospects for the ship canal, that his party has been promising the Island Empire for 20 years.

The Manchurian army organ, Vostnik, published under the sanction of the Russian officials and the only newspaper printed at the theater of war, gives details of the scrupulous care shown by the Japanese for relics and other effects of the Russian dead found on the battlefield, and tells how the Japanese have forwarded such effects to St. Petersburg. The paper highly commends this action and announces that General Kuropatkin recommends that all his commanders observe a similar practice regarding the Japanese dead. This humane practice, which was initiated by the Japanese, has met with applause from the Russian army.

The estimates of the war department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, aggregate \$103,686,780. This is \$22,242,612 less than the war department estimates submitted a year ago, and \$3,832,388 less than the total appropriation made for the use of the war department for the current fiscal year. The amount estimated as necessary for the military establishment, which embraces the cost of maintenance of the army and of the Military Academy at West Point, is \$72,793,156, being \$4,650,006 less than the appropriations for the present year. The amounts estimated for miscellaneous objects aggregate \$4,236,073. Of this sum \$5,253,759 is the estimate for the support and maintenance of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and for the aid to state homes for such soldiers; \$427,000 is estimated for artificial limbs and appliances for disabled soldiers and sailors, mainly of the civil war.

The women of Oregon are energetically at work preparing fruit, fancy work and small mementoes to be exhibited at the Lewis and Clark fair. These displays of the women's art, skill and labor will last for but a season. They will be carried away by strangers, or relegated to some unknown corner after the fair is over. The only permanent, inspiring object that would remain forever a proud monument to the work and patriotism of Oregon women, they are sadly neglecting. This object is the Sacajaween monument, which was undertaken by the women of the Northwest. This monument would remain in Portland's parks, a perpetual reminder of the zeal and energy of Northwest women!

It would serve as a future signboard, pointing to the spirit of the 20th century Oregon woman. The perishable work woman is doing for the fair, is commendable. But they should leave something permanent. They should not turn back, having put their hand to the plow! Will the monument be built, or will it be said by the stranger that Oregon women failed in their only patriotic object?

As a result of the increased compensation allowed by congress for rural carriers, the number of routes to be established in the coming fiscal year will not be so large as originally planned. An estimate of nearly \$27,000,000 for rural free delivery will be submitted to congress at the coming session. This is about \$7,000,000 in excess of the expenditures for the current fiscal year. The late Postmaster-General Payne made the prediction several months ago that \$30,000,000 would probably represent the high-water mark in rural free delivery expenditures, but it is now placed at a higher figure. Mr. Payne based his statements on conditions as they existed at the time. The good roads movement in the various states is enlarging the available rural free delivery territory, and no one in official place is now willing to make any predictions as to the prospective growth of the service. Of the \$27,000,000, that congress is expected to appropriate this winter, nearly \$21,000,000 will be used in maintaining routes that will be in operation on July 1, 1905. The remainder will be used for extensions. About 5300 routes will be established in the fiscal year beginning July 1 next.

HITCHCOCK IS ACCUSED.

W. H. Odell, of Salem, charges that Secretary Hitchcock, deliberately and without pretext of law or equity, took from the common school fund of Oregon, \$120,000. This is a serious charge and one that should be thoroughly investigated. If it be true, Secretary Hitchcock is not a fit man to be in the responsible position which he now holds and should be immediately dismissed. If untrue, Mr. Odell should be made to suffer the penalty for a libelous statement. So many accusations have been made of land frauds in Oregon that if not cleared up and the guilty ones punished, the fair name of our state and people will suffer and we will be regarded by the people of our neighboring states as "grafters."

A thorough and honest investigation of this charge as well as of all other charges of fraud in land cases is due to the people of Oregon and should be insisted upon. If the administration is sincere in its declaration of reform it will immediately order a thorough investigation of this subject and make public the facts in the case.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

THE LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER.

There is a curious species of writers on railroad subjects, some of them editors of railway journals, who express themselves as if they had never heard of a locomotive engineer. Their pens move with contempt and anger when the suggestion is made that men who manage locomotives have the right to be called engineers. The snob writers mention engineers, runners, and engine drivers, but never locomotive engineers. They shudder to call anyone an engineer who does not carry a college graduate's diploma in his pocket. Moved by this snobbish sentiment, some railroad companies call their engineers "enginemen," but it does not appeal to the public taste. The American public has decided that the title of the man running an engine, and nothing that envy or petty jealousy can do will ever take that appellation away from the popular tongue.—Railway and Locomotive Engineering.

The Hessian fly is becoming a chronic pest to wheat in about two-thirds of the wheat growing area of Nebraska. It has caused great loss, and there is no known way of successfully combating it.

The shady driveways in Centennial park at the Lewis and Clark fair have been named after Western states, being known as Idaho avenue, Wyoming avenue and Montana avenue.



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GEORGIA NUGGETS.

It's mighty strange dat de man what holler de loudest got de least ter say.

De good book say yo' must love yo' enemies; but ef you done dat in time of war, where would you be?

Looks ter me like it's foolishness ter sen' close ter de heathens. What dey needs is umbrellas.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Assuan Dam.

The Assuan dam on the Nile, is a most imposing structure. Built of granite, it is about a mile and a quarter long, is 126 feet high at its deepest point and holds up 100,000,000 tons of water, turning the river back upon itself for a distance of 140 miles. Some idea of the great work done by the British government in Egypt may be obtained when it is stated that, in the 20 years ending in 1902, the sum of \$45,000,000 was expended in irrigation and drainage, but the resulting benefits have already justified the cost.—Maxwell's Tallyman.

The Alaskan Packers' association has declined to close up seven of its canneries in Alaska next season. Two of these are located on the Nushagak river, where the company has four canneries. The others are located where there are two or three canneries. The machinery from the canneries will be put in the other canneries and the capacity enlarged.

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July 12 was set apart by the West fair board as Osteopathic day. Two thousand osteopaths met in convention for a week's session. Twenty-five states have passed laws regulating the practice. Legislation to be asked for in many more states this winter, Oregon being one. A competent Osteopath requires course equal to the medical school in all branches and superior in some. Our legislature will doubtless ease the relief and pass a law requiring strict examination, and so protect people from charlatans, who in this state are numerous, to the damage and defraudment of the public, and to the injury of Osteopathy.

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